

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday May 28th 2006

VHF News

The 4 metre activity night takes place on the first Tuesday of each month between 20:00 and 22:00 local time. The next activity night is Tuesday the 6th of June. Please send reports to "ei3ix at eircom dot net". Call in frequency is 70.2625 MHz. So if you have any AM/FM/SSB gear, vertically or horizontally polarised, give a call in! Don't forget to have a listen for the 4-metre simplexer on 70.350 MHz.

A monthly six metre FM net meets on the first Monday of each month on 51.525 MHz FM using vertical polarisation at 9.00 p.m. local time. The purpose of this net is to increase activity on the 6 metre band. The next meeting of the net will take place on Monday the 5th of June. All are welcome and encouraged to participate.

CW Field Day

Operators are needed for the CW Field Day, which will take place over the weekend of June the 3rd and 4th 2006 in the grounds of Garbally College, Ballinasloe where portable stations can be set up under ideal field day conditions. The event is hosted by the Shannon Basin Radio Club. If you are interested in participating or require further details, contact the contest manager, Brian Canning EI8IU on 086-2514822.

AREN News

The AREN Spring training program concluded with a field exercise on the evening of the 4th of May. The exercise was based on a Major emergency plan activation on the Cork-Waterford border near the town of Youghal. Nine AREN members from counties Cork, Waterford, Tipperary and Limerick took an active part in the exercise with a number of others remaining on standby.

Messages were passed for third parties to destinations as far west as Cork city and as far east as Waterford. This was achieved through simplex relays as repeaters and phones were assumed to be inoperable for the exercise. The event was a great opportunity for members to put the training material into practice and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The Munster AREN coordinator Conor O'Neill would like to thank all those who took

part in the spring training and remind members to keep their kit in a state of readiness as we face into the Summer.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Club

The next general meeting of South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place this coming Wednesday the 31st of May at 8.00 p.m. in the Roanmore Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford.

The group is currently looking at the possibility of running a theory course later this year (pending a suitable venue and sufficient candidates). To register your interest please e-mail "info at searg dot com" providing your Name, Address and contact details. For latest developments visit www.searg.com

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

The next meeting of Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will be held in the usual venue of Raheen House Hotel in Clonmel at 8 p.m. on Wednesday next the 1st of June. All are welcome.

Shannon Basin Radio Club

The next meeting of Shannon Basin Radio Club will take place in the Royal Hotel Roscommon on Wednesday the 7th of June at 8.30 p.m.

Limerick Radio Club

Members of the Limerick Radio Club are QRV as EI60LRC until the end of the year to mark 60 years of the club. Activity is on 80 to 10 metres. QSL is via EI8EM.

South Dublin Radio

South Dublin Radio Club are carrying out Theory classes every Tuesday between 8.00 p.m. and 10.00 p.m. in the Marian Community Centre, Marian Road, Tempelogue. It is planned to run the classes on an ongoing basis with an informal structure and anyone interested in radio are welcome to drop in at any time.

For information contact Michael EI2GKB or Paul EI2GSB.

Radio Theory Examination

The next Radio Theory Examination has now been scheduled for Wednesday the 28th of June 2006. It will take place in the ComReg offices at Abbey Court, Irish Life Centre, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin 1 commencing at 2 p.m.

Candidates wishing to sit this examination should apply to Sean Nolan EI7CD, 12 Little Meadow, Pottery Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin as soon as possible. The closing date for applications is the 16th of June.

Dates for Your Diary

The International Museums Weekend will take place on the 17th and 18th of June 2006. More information can be had from www.ukradioamateur.co.uk/imw

The VHF/UHF Field Day will take place over the weekend of the 1st and 2nd of July 2006.

The Blarney Rally will take place on September the 24th 2006.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 051-853806 or 087-6302026. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to “news at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Fridays.

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